KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Commissioner's Guiding Coalition
SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: MAY 15, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Brigitte Blom-Ramsey, Jay Box, Rhonda Caldwell, Kelly Davis, Ronda Harmon, Donna House, Nancy Hutchinson, Ann Elisabeth Larson, Tim Murley, Eric Kennedy (on behalf of Kerri Schelling)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Adkisson, Melissa Aguilar, Joshua Benton, Joy Bowers-Campbell, Travis Burton, Sherry Powers, Tom Shelton, Stan Torzewski, Heather Wampler, Wayne Young

SUMMARY:

Agenda Item: Welcome

Presenter: Dr. Wayne D. Lewis, Commissioner

Summary of Discussion:

Dr. Lewis welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

Action Taken:

None.

Follow-up Required:

None.

Agenda Item: KDE Communications

Presenter: Jessica Fletcher, Chief Communications Officer

Summary of Discussion:

Creating a communications plan for the agency is part of the strategic plan, and Jessica Fletcher would like feedback from this group about how communication between KDE and its partners can improve. The group discussed the various platforms used for communication and how KDE is now using an email delivery system that allows the agency to track analytics around emails

sent. This data will be used to streamline communications to districts and partners. A few members expressed the desire to receive the Monday Message sent from the commissioner to superintendents; Ms. Fletcher will gather their contact information from Karen Dodd and add the entire group to the distribution list. Ms. Fletcher encouraged the group to reach out to her with ideas for Kentucky Teacher topics.

Action Taken:

None.

Follow-up Required:

Ms. Dodd will give this group's email addresses to Ms. Fletcher for Kentucky Teacher and Monday Message distribution lists.

Agenda Item: Accountability System Overview

Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Stafford, Director and Helen Jones, Manager

Summary of Discussion:

Since this group last met, the legislative session occurred. The new accountability system was impacted by the passage of Senate Bill 175. Jennifer Stafford and Helen Jones explained the implications to the group. Topics covered include star ratings, reporting for 2018-2019, details of each indicator, the quality and school safety indicator and designations for TSI, ATSI and CSI schools. Dr. Stafford also explained how the proficiency gap was no longer an indicator, but could still impact star ratings.

Action Taken:

None.

Follow-up Required:

None.

Agenda Item: School Report Card

Presenters: Jessie Carlton and Michael Spence

Summary of Discussion:

Jessie Carlton explained that ESSA requires per pupil spending at the school level to be reported on the School Report Card (SRC). Kentucky already had this data and only had to make a few adjustments to meet reporting criteria. Ms. Carlton walked the group through the new SRC landing page and showed them how to find and interpret financial data. A point of interest was that for consistency, most reporting is now using membership numbers for school enrollment (the number of students present on the last day of school) instead of average daily attendance numbers.

Michael Spence showed the group how to use the comparison feature on the SRC landing page, so up to four schools and/or districts can be compared side-by-side.

Further discussion highlighted the importance of seeking feedback from parents on the new SRC, where to find previous years' SRC data and how dollars held at the district are dispersed among schools in the per pupil spending formula.

Action Taken:

None.

Follow-up Required:

None.

Agenda Item: Partnership Survey Results

Presenter: Karen Dodd, Chief Performance Officer

Summary of Discussion:

Dr. Lewis reminded the group that strategic partnerships is one of KDE's strategic priorities, which is why we're collecting and discussing partner survey data. This group is made up of partners and they should have received the survey.

Karen Dodd explained the process for determining who to survey and reviewed the results outlined in the partnership survey report (distributed). KDE is pleased that the overall percentage of respondents who agreed or strongly agreed with the seven questions on the survey was 90.7, with a 59% response rate. Our next steps are trying to identify other government agencies who collect partnership satisfaction data for comparison purposes. KDE is also planning a more in-depth analysis of successful partnerships that exist in the agency in order to define the characteristics of effective partnerships.

Action Taken:

None.

Follow-up Required:

None.

Agenda Item: Questions and Additional Feedback form Advisory Group Members

Summary of Discussion:

No additional questions or feedback were discussed.

Action Taken:

None.

Follow-up Required:

None.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Presenter: Dr. Wayne D. Lewis, Commissioner

Summary of Discussion:

The next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2019.

Action Taken:

None.

Follow-up Required:

None.